

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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HERBAL MEDICINE FOR ORAL CANCER
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the scientists/ ayurvedic physicians have sought a patent for an ayurveda herbal mixture to control oral cancer;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be patented;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to make a study on the medicine;
- (e) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (f) the reaction and the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)to(f) A patent is reported to have been filed for an Ayurvedic formulation, which was tested as mouth wash in patients undergoing radiation for oral cancer and was found to give relief to pain caused by swelling of gums and cheek due to inflammation resulting from radiation. However, the herbal medicine needs to be standardized before it is commercialized.